



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MINUTES

MONDAY

DECEMBER 20, 2021

6:00 P.M.

*In Attendance:*

*Mayor Shelby Wright, Remotely*  
*Councilor Eric Jarvi*  
*Councilor Mark Cormier*  
*Councilor Ivan McPike*  
*Councilor Allen Esposito*  
*Councilor Peter Erickson*  
*Councilor Christine Cubberley*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager*  
*Gayle Decker, Town Clerk*  
*Clifton Ilver, Public Works Director*  
*Curt Slininger, VFW*

*Deputy Mayor Jarvi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Deputy Mayor Jarvi led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

***Motion:*** *Christine Cubberley made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor Esposito. Vote by roll call 7-0.*

*Resolution: 2021 - 259*

C. CONSENT AGENDA

***Motion:*** *Alan Esposito so moved the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 7-0.*

*Resolution: 2021 - 260*

1. SIGNATURES

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

a. 11/1/2021 Council Meeting

3. COMMUNICATIONS

4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

E. POLICY AGENDA

Note: Council will take a five-minute recess at 8:00 p.m.

1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

2. PUBLIC HEARINGSR

- a. Proposed amendments to the Edythe L. Dyer Community Library Ordinance, Article VI Sections 7 and 8.

**Motion:** *Councilor Esposito moved to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed amendments to the Edythe L. Dyer Community Library Ordinance, Article VI Sections 7 and 8, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0.*

*Resolution: 2021 – 261*

**Motion:** *Councilor Esposito moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0.*

*Resolution: 2021 – 262*

**Motion:** *Councilor McPike moved to approve amendments to the Edyth Dyer Community Library Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0.*

*Resolution: 2021 – 263*

*At this time Mayor Jarvi suspended the agenda to allow public comment. Curt Slininger, VFW, recognized the folks that came out to support the Wreaths Across America Event. He appreciates the support and looks forward to continuing with the event.*

- b. Proposed Zoning Map Amendment.

**Motion:** *Councilor Cubberley moved to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 7-0.*

*Resolution: 2021 – 264*

*Town Planner Clifton Ilver spoke on the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment.*

**Motion:** *After discussion and with no public comment Councilor Cubberley moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 7-0.*

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**Motion:** Councilor McPike moved to approve the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment, seconded by Councilor Erickson. Vote by roll call 7-0.

*Resolution: 2021 – 266*

### 3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. Reappointment of Jane L. Jarvi for a three-year term to the Recreation Committee.

*Councilor Jarvi recused himself from the agenda item because of a possible conflict of interest and yielded the floor to Councilor Cubberley, then stepped down from the dais.*

**Motion:** Councilor Esposito moved to reappoint Jane Jarvi for a three-year term to the Recreation Committee, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 6-0. with Councilor Erickson, Esposito, McPike, Cormier, Cubberley and Mayor Wright voting in the affirmative.

*Resolution: 2021 – 267*

### F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Councilor Jarvi reported on the December 13, 2021 Council Workshop.*

### G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request for Council authorization for Town Manager to sign the Amended Agreement between the Town of Hampden and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

**Motion:** Councilor Esposito moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Agreement, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call with amendment adding as is written. 7-0.

*Resolution: 2021 - 269*

*Town Manager Scott gave a summary of the Amended Agreement between the Town of Hampden and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.*

**Motion:** Councilor Esposito moved to amend the original motion to add as is written, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0.

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- b. Request for Council authorization to delete Town Records Restoration Reserve Account 3-719-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Municipal Building Reserve 3-702-00.

*After Deputy Mayor Javi read the agenda item and called for a motion Council discussed voting on items b-u as a bloc. bloc*

**Motion:** Councilor Esposito moved to accept the requests on agenda items b-u, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. No further discussion. Vote by roll call 7-0.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- c. Request for Council authorization to delete Copier Reserve Account 3-715-00 and to roll the current balances remaining into the Computer Reserve Account 3-711-00.

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- d. Request for Council authorization to delete GIS Mapping Reserve Account 3-731-00 and to roll the current balances remaining into the Computer Reserve Account 3-711-00.

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- e. Request for Council authorization to delete Town Property Survey Account 3-729-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Planning and Commissions Reserve 3-725-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- f. Request for Council authorization to delete City Bus Reserve Account 3-710-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Public Works Equipment Reserve 3-717-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- g. Council authorization to change EPA/DEP Garage Modifications Reserve Account 3-778-00 to the name of Public Works Buildings Reserve Account 3-778-00.

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- h. Council authorization to change Solid Waste Garage Reserve Account 3-777-00 to the name of Transfer Station Buildings & Equipment Reserve Account 3-777-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

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- i. Council authorization to change Ambulance Reserve Account 3-737-00 to the name of EMS Vehicles Reserve Account 3-737-00.

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- j. Council authorization to change ALS Equipment Reserve Account 3-739-00 to the name of EMS Equipment Reserve Account 3-739-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- k. Council authorization to change Fire Truck Reserve Account 3-741-00 to the name of Fire Vehicles Reserve Account 3-741-00.

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- l. Request for Council authorization to delete Fire Truck Refurbish Reserve Account 3-743-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Fire Vehicles Reserve Account 3-741-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- m. Request for Council authorization to delete Fire Building Reserve Account 3-745-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Municipal Building Reserve Account 3-702-00.

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- n. Council authorization to change Fire Thermal Imaging Camera Reserve Account 3-747-00 to the name of Fire Equipment Reserve Account 3-747-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- o. Request for Council authorization to delete Fire Training Area Reserve Account 3-749-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Fire Equipment Reserve Account 3-747-00.

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- p. Request for Council authorization to delete Public Safety Boat Reserve Account 3-751-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Fire Equipment Reserve Account 3-747-00.

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- q. Council authorization to change Police Cruiser Reserve Account 3-753-00 to the name of Police Vehicles Reserve Account 3-753-00.

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- r. Council authorization to change Communications Reserve Account 3-759-00 to the name of Public Safety Mobile Communications Reserve Account 3-759-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- s. Request for Council authorization to delete Library Grant Reserve Account 3-765-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Library Reserve Account 3-763-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- t. Request for Council authorization to delete Playground Reserve Account 3-768-00 and to roll the current balance remaining into the Recreation Area Reserve Account 3-767-00.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- u. Request for Council authorization to place the balance of Sewer Reserve Account 2-220-00 into a Sewer Club Account so the interest can be applied appropriately.

*Resolution: 2021 - 270*

- v. Request for Council approval on the proposed amendments to the Investment Policy.

***Motion:*** Councilor Cubberley moved Council approval of the proposed amendments to the investment policy, seconded by Councilor Esposito. After discussion vote by roll call 7-0.

*Resolution: 2021 - 271*

- w. Council approval of abatement request of a FY22 service charge in the amount of \$2,527.78 to Community Housing of Maine.

***Motion:*** Councilor Esposito moved Council approval of abatement request of a FY22 service charge in the amount of \$2,527.78 to Community Housing of Maine, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0.

*Resolution: 2021 – 272*

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I. MANAGER'S REPORT

*I don't have a lengthy written report tonight, I do want to thank everyone who took part in the Wreaths Across America event here at the Hampden cemeteries. I think it is quite an honor that we became a part of that organization, and we plan to do this every year. I appreciate the fact that others could step in. I was out of Town and I appreciate the fact that there were other people here representing the Town of Hamden. I'd also like to thank Mayor Wright for all of her hard work over the last three years. Tonight is her last official meeting and I want to wish her well going into the future. And for everyone, the Town of Hamden, and all of staff and the Town Council that I serve, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, thank you.*

J. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

*Councilor Cubberley - I didn't prepare anything, but I want to address Shelby. I have had the honor to serve on this council with you only for one year, but I've appreciated your leadership. I learned a lot through your leadership and your guidance and we will be missing you very much. I wish you the best for the future and stay in touch.*

*Councilor Erickson – Merry Christmas.*

*Councilor Esposito - Hampden we got to have a talk. I need to talk to you all about shoveling and snow blowing out in front of your mailboxes. You know, I think that this is a courtesy that gets overlooked by a lot of people. You do your driveways and your sidewalks and, you know, generally rule of thumb is very polite to leave about a 10 foot approach and a 10 foot exit for your mail people to be able to safely provide you your mail services here in the town of Hampden. So, I was approached by the postmaster asking if I could just make some sort of comment about people needing to clean out around their mailboxes. So, if you want your packages, clean around your mailboxes. Merry Christmas to everybody. I hope you all have a fantastic holiday whatever you celebrate or don't celebrate, if it's just a day off, enjoy it. Good glad tidings and goodwill to all.*

*Councilor McPike – I'd just like to extend a thank you out to the VFW for the Wreaths Across America. I decided this year to take three young children down with me, so that they will have an understanding, of perhaps what this is all about. And it was interesting because they really didn't know they really don't understand veterans. It's something that's going by the wayside. But one of the boys asked, did someone die, and we had to explain to him that yes, a lot have died, but no one died that day, we're just putting the wreaths down. So again, I think it's a good thing to bring to the town. I think it's a good thing that they're doing that and hopefully we can get some younger adults in there to understand what took place on all of that. And other than that, just Happy Holidays to everyone, enjoy.*

*Councilor Cormier – No comment.*

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*Mayor Wright – Merry Christmas to everyone and I hope everybody has a safe and festive Holiday Season and Happy New Year. Good night Hampden.*

*Councilor Jarvi - My comments tonight as well, special thanks to Kim Slininger and the Hampden VFW for getting our ceremonies registered as sponsored cemeteries for Wreaths Across America. We were part of the 30th annual event this past Saturday with a memorial service at the VFW building followed by the laying of 14 wreaths at Locust Grove Cemetery. We look forward to annually celebrating this event the third Saturday in December. There were 30 plus participants at this year's event, which was one of 3100 events held across the Country on Saturday, and we hope to see many more residents in future years. A reminder to everyone this nationwide event is truly Maine based, as it was initiated in 1992 by the Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine. Mayor Wright, tonight is your last Council meeting. You have represented the constituents of our community with grace and purpose. You have always been forward thinking and helped lead this Council and Town through some challenging COVID related issues this past year. You have chosen to move on and scale new heights and we wish you the best of luck going forward. From a grateful Council, a grateful Staff and a grateful Community, thank you. Good night Hampden and we wish you all a joyous and safe holiday season.*

- K. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405(6)(A) - to include the Town Manager.

***Motion:*** Councilor Esposito moved to enter executive session, seconded by Councilor Cubberley. Vote by roll call 7-0.

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*Executive session entered at 6:39 pm*

- L. ADJOURNMENT

*Meeting adjourned at the end of executive session.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk*

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